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SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE OF ISRAELI RAID ON BEIRUT AND ARAB GUERRILLA ATTACKS IN CYPRUS IS CAREFULLY TAILORED TO IGNORE ARAB INVOLVMENT IN NICOSIA EVENTS AND TO PORTRAY BEIRUT ATTACK AS UNPROVOKED MILITARY ACTION AGAINST INNOCENT ARAB VICTIMS. THUS PRAVDA APRIL 11, WHILE LISTING NAMES AND OFFICIAL PLO TITLES OF THREE PALESTINIAN LEADERS KILLED DURING BEIRUT RAID, MAKES NO REFERENCE TO THEIR TERRORIST INVOLVEMENT. IN SAME VEIN, TASS ITEM FROM NICOSIA REPORTED IN SAME ISSUE OF PRAVDA REFERES ONLY TO ATTEMPT BY " GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS" TO HIJACK ISRAELI AIRLINER AND MAKES NO MENTION OF ATTACK ON ISRAELI AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN NICOSIA.

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